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wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension taken transversely to the fore-and-aft line that is less than the first width dimension; and

b) at least one holding element that is fully separable from the headwear piece,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein a part of the crown is folded forwardly toward the visor.

Please rewrite claim 4 in independent form as follows:

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4. (rewritten) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

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wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

Please rewrite claim 6 in independent form as follows:

6. (rewritten) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a cylindrical tube.

Please rewrite claim 15 in independent form as follows:

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15. (rewritten) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

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wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension.

wherein the crown is folded against the visor,

wherein the visor in the deformed states defines a cylindrical shape and at least a part of the crown resides within the cylindrical shape.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape around a fore-and-aft line; and

b) at least one holding element that is fully separable from the headwear piece, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

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95 The combination according to claim 19 wherein with the visor in the deformed state the cylindrical shape extends through 360°.

Please add new claims 23 and 24 as follows:

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96 23. The combination according to claim 19 wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

24. In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as allegedly containing colored photographs and/or drawings. This objection is not understood in that only line drawings were submitted with the application. Apparently, the Examiner is alluding to color